

Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

De Champlain Conference Room, Augusta

Minutes

Present: Jacky Vaniotis – Chair, Trisha Coleman, Joanne LeBrun, Gary Utgard, , Tracy Weed, Travis Norsworthy – via videoconference

Absent: Rick Doughty, Bob Hawkes, Kelly Roderick

Staff: Drexell White

Guest: Jay Bradshaw

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m.

A. Assign Timekeeper – Jacky Vaniotis

B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – Budget Issues and Changes to the Practical Exam (White)

Drexell White reported that Bob Hawkes and Kelly Roderick would not be attending due to conflicting commitments.

Tracy Weed was welcomed as the new region 6 representative, replacing Darrell Gilman, who recently stepped down from the committee. Tracy is an active Instructor Coordinator in the Union, Maine area.

Karen Cutler was introduced as the new licensing assistant for Maine EMS. Karen joined the office on June 20, 2005 and replaces Melissa Donovan.

2. Minutes – May 17, 2005, meeting minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting. (Coleman; LeBrun - motion carries).

3. Old Business

A. Paramedic Exam – Tabled to next meeting

B. Student Handbook – Status –

The handbook is still on the back burner as Dawn Kinney's time continues to be dedicated to licensing functions.

C. EMT-B Practical – Data Collection Format

The patient assessment review will continue to September 30, 2005. Review of practical data may be affected by proposed changes in the practical testing model as outlined by Jay Bradshaw elsewhere in these minutes.

D. Registry Task Analysis – No Report

New Business**A. State Practical Exams in Light of State Budget Cuts**

Jay Bradshaw, Maine EMS Director, updated the committee on the state budget cuts that will be affecting the system. To date, a total of \$163,000 annually must be cut. As such, there has been discussion at the Ops Team meeting about the possibility of incorporating the state practical exam into the course final exam. Jay continued by stating that any change in the practical exam must meet the “straight-face” test that any (alternative) test method fulfills statutory and rules requirements for practical testing.

The Board will be discussing the concept at its June 22, 2005 meeting.

B. Education Committee Referral**1. Airway Module – Exam Considerations****2. Spinal Assessment – Exam Considerations****C. Exam Content Affected by New Protocols**

Committee members identified questions in the current Intermediate and Paramedic exams that may need revision due to protocol changes.

Intermediate level: Questions 57, 81, 104, 140 and 143

Paramedic level: Questions 17, 30, 68, 73, 77, 78, 85, 86, 100, 124 and 140.

Work will continue on updating the exams.

D. Personnel Issues – New Licensing Assistant Karen Cutler (see above).**E. Meeting with Bill Brown on July 20, 2005**

Committee members were reminded that Bill Brown, executive director of NREMT would be presenting a National Registry of EMT (NREMT) update on July 20, 2005, from 10 – 2 pm at Maine EMS. Included in Bill’s talk will be information about the proposed Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT) that the NREMT is implementing in 2007.

4. Next Meeting**A. Set Agenda - Next agenda to include:**

- 1. Paramedic Exam**
- 2. Student Handbook - status**
- 3. EMT-B Practical Skill Station Data**
- 4. Airway and Spinal Module – Review for Exam Considerations**

B. Set Date and Time

Given the proposed changes to the practical exam, staff and the committee chair will confer as to the next meeting date.

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White